

The Public Safety and Security Committee public hearing March 14 2013

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I am here before you to deliver a message a message from my 5 year old daughter her name is Ava she wants me to relay to you that she does not want to die. She does not speak of fear for her life of a intruder in our home but I do, she wonders why there is no seat belts on her school bus, she knows buckling up in the car is for safety and that while she is buckled in her car seat she is protected if a accident should happen but doesn't know why the bus driver doesn't have seat belts on her bus, I however do. In December 2012 the deficit mitigation bill which the house and senate passed and was signed by the Governor 7 days after Sandy Hook 12/21/2012 (<ftp://ftp.cga.ct.gov/2012/cbs/h/HB-7001.htm>) public act 12-1 sec 27 included language to override previous law, public act 10-83 which was the Connecticut school bus seat belt account and transfer the 4.7 million dollars from this account into the general fund. Connecticut legislation found it unnecessary to equip school buses with life saving devices known as seat belts It is very apparent that Connecticut legislation does not hold my child's safety at the utmost importance as I am led to believe. Little does she know but yet other life saving devise's could be taken from her parents that may infact save her and her brother's life.

These proposals that we speak of today effect every citizen here in Connecticut and depending on each citizens own opinion will determine the severity in which these proposals directly impact their lives. These proposals directly impact myself and my wife with the highest severity, as parents of 2 young children it is ultimately our responsibility to protect our children and ourselves from harm. The police despite their best efforts cannot prevent or protect myself nor my family from any violent crime unless they are already present before it occur's thus myself and my wife are truly the first responder's. The police with existing knowledge of not knowing the full extent of the threat before arriving on the scene have tools they believe are suitable to defend themselves and others. These proposals would deny myself and my wife the very same life saving tools suitable to protect our children and ourselves, these proposal's make no sense to me. I ask you How is further limiting and restricting of myself and my wife make our children safer? Reading thru the remainder of the proposals further illustrates the cumbersome and expensive task to the law abiding citizen to exercise the right of self defense than preventing a criminal from being a criminal, frankly the more restrictive it becomes for the law abiding the path of least resistance widens for the criminal and that makes no sense at all. It is very apparent to me that my children s safety is not of great concern to Connecticut legislation for how can any legislator say otherwise when they are unwilling to put seat belts on school buses with funds already in place knowing seat belts are a life saving devise. Three minutes is not nearly enough time for myself to address each proposal so I would make one last statement today.

I Harold Douglas due publicly proclaim that I oppose every sentence every word and every last letter of any and all proposal's that would further restrict my God given right of self defense of myself my family and my fellow citizens. I thank you for lending me your ear.